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SUBJ: MEDIA REPORTS OF ROK DIPLOMATS DEPARTING JAPAN

1. OVER WEEKEND JAPANESE MEDIA CONTINUED INTENSE COVERAGE OF ALL ASPECTS OF KIM TAE-CHUNG CASE, INCLUDING DEPARTURES FROM JAPAN OF ROK OFFICIALS ALLEGED TO BE KCIA AGENTS INVOLVED IN ABDUCTION.

2. PRESS REPORTED SATURDAY THAT IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS CONFIRMED DEPARTURE FOR SEOUL BY FIRST SECRETARY HONG SUNG-CHAE AND SECOND SECRETARY YOO CHUN-KOOK ASSIGNED TO ROK EMBASSY TO TOKYO

AND VICE CONSUL YU YOUNG-BOCK, ASSIGNED TO ROK CONSULATE YOKOHAMA. ABOVE THREE OFFICIALS SAID TO HAVE DEPARTED EARLIER IN WEEK SHORTLY AFTER POLICE REVEALED EVIDENCE LINKING KIM DONG-WOON TO CASE. OTHER DIPLOMATS ALSO SAID TO HAVE DEPARTED JAPAN, BUT IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES GAVE NO ADDITIONAL NAMES. PRESS STATED THAT IT OPEN SECRET AMONG KOREAN RESIDENTS IN JAPAN THAT HONG SUNG-CHAE AND YU YOUNG-BOCK WORK FOR KCIA, AND THAT YU YOUNG-BOCK WIFE IS NIECE OF LEE HU-RAK.

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3. PRESS ALSO REPORTED SATURDAY THAT CHO DONG-KI AND AHN RYUNG-DUK, BOTH ASSIGNED TO ROK CONSULATE GENERAL OSAKA DEPARTED JAPAN ON FRIDAY, FORMER VIA EVENING FLIGHT TO SEOUL BY KOREAN AIR LINE AND LATTER VIA MORNING FLIGHT BY SAME LINE AFTER POLICE PUBLICIZED INTENT TO QUESTION BOTH ABOUT KIDNAPPING.

4. SOME SATURDAY EVENING TV NEWS PROGRAMS EVEN SHOWED REMOVAL OF FIRST SECRETARY KIM DONG-WOON HHE FROM TOKYO HOME BY SHIPPING AGENT WHO SAID ONLY THAT THEY BEING SENT TO QTE SOUTH KOREA UNQTE. KIM DONG-WOON, MEMBERS OF FAMILY AND MAID DEPARTED JAPAN EARLIER LAST WEEK.
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